

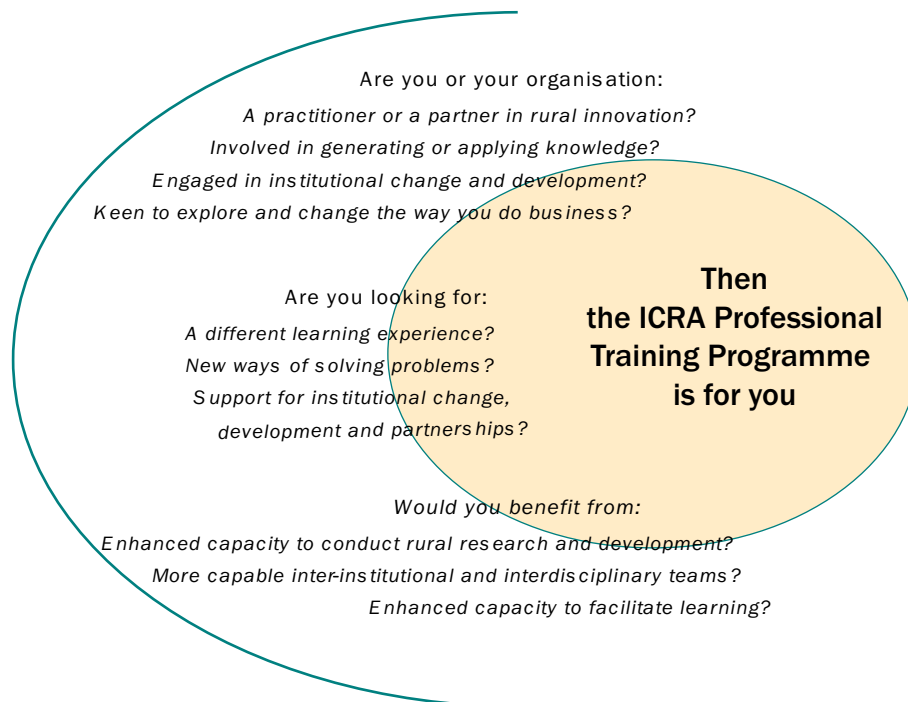


Professional Capacity Strengthening Programme Enhancing Performance in Rural Innovation

New demands call for new thinking and capacities

Over the past 25 years the challenges facing agriculture and rural development have grown more complex and more daunting. The fight is on, not just to grow more and better food, but also to tackle poverty at its roots and to reverse accelerating environmental decline. While new technologies will be needed, the overriding demand is for a change of approach, which requires new policies, new institutions and new ways of working and changes in both individual and organisational behaviour.

For whom is the ICRA Professional Capacity Strengthening Programme?



Our capacity building strategy

The programme involves participants in hands-on application of integrated and interactive learning in rural innovation, and is therefore (largely) based on the experiences of the participants and the context in which they are working. The programme essentially aims to enhance the capacity of participants to support constructive change within their own organisations and environments upon return. The long duration of the programme (3 ½ months) is instrumental to this cause – as it fosters the knowledge, the skills and the attitudes that may be needed to perform in an entirely new Scope of Work.

**‘ICRA has been a life-changing experience for me...
there is nowhere else you can get this kind of learning’**



Programme schedule and costs

Period: January 25 – April 30, 2010

Residential Phase in the Netherlands:

January 25 – March 7, 2010 (7 weeks)

Professional experience in the ‘South’:

March 8 – April 30, 2010 (7 weeks)

Duration of the programme:

14 weeks (3 ½ months)

Programme costs:

€ 19 000 (€ 1 357 per week)

This amount includes tuition fees, study materials, excursions, housing, allowances, travel, visa, and insurance.

Admission requirements

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

- analytical and problem solving capabilities equivalent to PhD, MSc or MBA
- approval of their institution to participate
- have at least 5 years professional experience preferably in rural innovation
- proven proficiency in English

Application

The deadline for application is September 1, 2009.

Application forms are available from:

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Fellowships

Fellowships are available from the Netherlands Fellowship Programme (NFP). Candidates must FIRST apply to ICRA for admission to the training.

Suitable candidates will receive a PROVISIONAL LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE from ICRA. With this letter candidates can then apply for a NFP fellowship through the Netherlands Embassy or Consulate in their own country. Advice can be provided by ICRA.



More Information

For more information on ICRA and our work, see:
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